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In re Application of Lee, et al.

Application No. 09/219,195 Filed: December 21, 1998

Attorney Docket No. SA997115

For: INTERCONNECT MODULE FOR USE IN

A SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 23, 2003 (certificate of mailing date May 20, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to properly reply to the final Office action of May 22, 2002. Petitioners filed an amendment after final on August 7, 2002 (certificate of mailing date July 22, 2002) that failed to place the above-identified application in *prima facie* condition for allowance. On August 28, 2002, an Advisory action was mailed to a former address of record. On December 17, 2002, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to the same former address of record. Applicants' petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a), filed February 14, 2003 (certificate of mailing date February 7, 2003), was dismissed on April 28, 2003 for failure to show that the entire delay in properly replying to the May 22, 2002 final Office action was unavoidable.

Applicants have submitted a reply in the form of a RCE and preliminary amendment, an acceptable statement of the unintentional nature of the delay in responding to the May 22, 2002 final Office action, and the petition fee.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

Regarding finances, petitioners have paid twice for the RCE because the February 14, 2003 (certificate of mailing date February 7, 2003) RCE was resubmitted on May 23, 2003 (certificate of mailing date May 20, 2003). Pursuant to petitioners' authorization, deposit account no. 09-0466 will be credited one of the two \$750.00 RCE fees.

After the mailing of this decision the application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for further examination.

Telephone inquiries pertaining to this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6712.

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